

**FRENCH COLONIAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

1999 meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana  
June 2-5, 1999

Preliminary program

**THURSDAY, June 3**

**Registration 8:30-9:00**

**Session 1: Plenary Session, Round table discussion of Leslie Choquette's  
*Frenchmen into Peasants*, winner of the 1997 Alf Heggoy book prize of the French  
Colonial Historical Society. Thursday, 9:00-10:15**

Chair: James Pritchard, Queens University

Presentation: Leslie Choquette, Assumption College

Discussants: Catherine Desbarrats, McGill University

Dale Miquelon, University of Saskatchewan

Peter Moogk, University of British Columbia

**Coffee Break 10:00-10:30**

**Session 2a: Literature and Empire. Thursday, 10:30-12:00**

Chair: TBA

Laura Fishman, CUNY, "Requiem for the Noble Savage: The Concept of the Noble  
Savage"

Nancy Morton, Chicago, IL, "French Colonial Influences in the Life and Literature of  
Marguerite Duras"

Jolita Kavalunias, University of Akron. "Geo-Structure in Simone Schwarz-Bart's,  
Maryse Condé's, Gisèle Pineau's, and Ina Césaire's Works: Narrative  
Techniques in *The Bridge of Beyond*, *The Crossing of the Mangrove Swamp*,  
*Hope Macadam*, and *Zonzon Square Head*."

Commentator: TBA

**Session 2b: The Dutch War. Thursday, 10:30-12:00**

Chair: Carl Ekberg

Alisa Petrovich, University of Houston, Clear Lake. "Jean Baptiste Colbert and the  
Dutch War"

Sandra Petrovich. "War, Caribbean Style: The French, the English, and the Dutch War"

James Pritchard, Queens University. "The French West Indies During the Nine Years'  
War, 1689-1697: A Review and Reappraisal"

Commentator: TBA

**Lunch 12:00-1:30**

**Session 3a: Contemporary African Perspectives on Colonial Louisiana. Thursday,  
1:30-3:00**

Chair: Joseph Logsdon, Director, Midlo Center, University of New Orleans

- \* Khalil Saadani, University of Beni-Mellal, Morocco. "Colonialism and Strategy: French Louisiana in the Eighteenth Century"
  - \* Ibrahim Seck, University of Senegal. "African Survivals and Cultural Impact in Louisiana."
- Commentator: TBA

**Session 3b: France and Africa During the 1990s: Three Evolving Post-Colonial Relationships. Thursday, 1:30-3:00**

Chair: TBA

David Gardinier, Marquette University. "France and Gabon During the 1990s: The Evolution of a Post-Colonial Relationship"

John F. Clark, Florida International University. "The Evolution of Franco-Congolese Relationships in the 1990s"

Phillip Naylor, Marquette University. "The Hisb Faransa: France's Real and Imagined Presence in Postcolonial Algeria"

Commentator: Charlotte Quinn, National Intelligence Council

**Coffee Break 3:00-3:30**

**Session 4a: Forging Identities in French Colonial North America. Thursday, 3:30-5:00**

Chair: TBA

- \* Alain Laberge, Université Laval. "Que dis-je, paisans?' l'habitant canadien et la société rurale de la vallée du Saint-Laurent (xviiiè-xixè s.), de l'homogenéité à la différenciacion"

Sophie White, Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London. "Celle robe a été fort admirée et a fait beaucoup de jalousies": Fashion and the Forging of Identities in French Colonial New Orleans"

Ken Donovan, Fortress of Louisbourg. "'We danced until daylight': Music, Song, and Dance in Eighteenth-Century Louisbourg, 1713-1758"

Commentator: TBA

**Reception sponsored by The Historic New Orleans Collection, Williams Center, 6:30-8:00**

**FRIDAY, June 4**

**Registration 8:30-9:00**

**Session 5a: Dilemmas of Empire. Friday, 9:00-10:30**

Chair: TBA

- \* Jacques Binoche, University of the French Pacific. "French Colonization: A More Heroic than Efficient Work"

Stacy Renée Davis, The Evergreen State College. "Citizen or Bagnard? Legal Issues and the Policing of the Second Empire's Political Prisoners in French Guiana"

Stephen Toth, Indiana University. "Neither Myth nor Monolith: The *Bagne* in Fin-de-Siècle France"

Commentator: TBA

**Session 5b: French-Amerindian Relations in Continental North America. Friday, 9:00-10:30**

Chair: Keith Widder, Michigan State University Press

William Newbigging, Algoma University College. "Colonization by Invitation: The French and the Anishinaabek in Northern Lake Huron"

- \* Joseph Zitomersky, Université Paul Valéry-Montpellier III. "Structured or Informal Frontier? Interpreting French-Amerindian Relations in Eighteenth-Century French Colonial Louisiana"

Commentator: Patricia Galloway, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

**Coffee Break 10:30-11:00**

**Session 6a: Making France White: Postwar Exclusions and National Identity. Friday, 11:00-12:30**

Chair: Janet Horne, University of Virginia

Tyler Stovall, University of California, Santa Cruz. "The Remaking of the French Working Class: The Exclusion of Colonial Labor after World War I"

Michael G. Vann, University of California, Santa Cruz. "How Ya Gonna Keep Them Down in the Rice Fields Once They've Seen Paris? The Post-World War I Crisis of Returning Native Soldiers and Laborers to Colonial Indichine"

- \* Driss Maghraoui, University of California, Santa Cruz. "World War II and the Repressed Memory of the Moroccan Colonial Soldiers"

Commentator: Janet Horne, University of Virginia

**Session 6b: Constructing Race, Gender, and Catholicism: The Role of Women Religious in Louisiana, 1704-1892. Friday, 11:00-12:30**

Chair: Greg Waselkov, University of South Alabama

Emily Clark, University of Cambridge. "The Counter Reformation Comes to New Orleans: Lay and Religious Women, 1704-1803"

Charles Nolan, Archivist of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. "The New Wave: French Religious Women in Louisiana, 1822-1842"

Virginia Gould, Research Fellow, Sisters of the Holy Family. "The Holy Roman Sisters: Free Women of Color and the French Religious Tradition"

Commentator: TBA

**Afternoon free for New Orleans and regional tours.**

**Reception honoring presenters from Francophone countries, Cabildo and Louisiana Historical Museum, 6:30-8:00**

**SATURDAY, June 5**

**Registration 8:30-8:45**

**Session 7a: France and Northeast Africa. Saturday, 8:45-9:45**

Chair: TBA

Cornelius Jaenen, University of Ottawa. "French Interests in Ethiopia (*Abbyssinée*)"

- \* Jean-Marc Ran Oppenheim, Columbia University. "France's Cultural Hegemony in Britain's Imperial Sphere"  
Commentator: Fred Quinn, US Foreign Service (Retired)

**Session 7b: Saint-Domingue. Saturday, 8:45-9:45**

Chair: Philip P. Boucher, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Karol Weaver, The Pennsylvania State University. "Disease and Medicine in Eighteenth-Century Saint Domingue"

Chaela Pastore, University of California, Berkeley. "The Commonplace of Colonialism: Trade and Material Culture in Saint Domingue, 1788-1794"

Commentator: TBA

**Session 8: Plenary Session, Research Opportunities at the Louisiana Historical Center, Catherine Page. Saturday, 9:45-10:15.**

**Coffee Break, 10:15-10:30**

**Session 9a: France and West Africa. Saturday, 10:30-12:00**

Chair: TBA

Kenneth Orosz, Mansfield University. "Missionaries and the Spread of the French Language in Cameroon, 1915-1939"

- \* Martin Atangana, York College, CUNY. "Decolonization in French Black Africa: The Case of Cameroon"

Jeremy Rich, Indiana University. "'Un Babylon noir': *menageres*, Prostitution, and the Ambiguities of Desire in Colonial Libreville, 1875-1922"

Commentator: TBA

**Session 9b: Colonization in the Age of Revolution. Saturday, 10:30-12:00**

Chair: Bertrand Van Ruymbeke, College of Charleston

Ken Banks, College of Charleston. "'Facheuses nouvelles': The American Revolution and French Reform in the French Colonial Press, 1772-1789"

Tracy Rizzo, University of North Carolina, Asheville. "'Allez Retour': French Emigration to and from the 'New World' in the Era of the French and Haitian Revolutions"

Julie Winch, University of Massachusetts, Boston. "'When Shall We Become a Nation?' James Forten and the Meaning of Haitian Independence"

Commentator: Alisa Petrovich, University of Houston, Clear Lake

**Lunch 12:00-1:30**

**Session 10a: Colonization and War in the Reign of Louis XIV. Saturday, 1:30-3:15**

Chair: Dale Standen, Trent University

A.J.B. Johnston, Fortress of Louisbourg. "Reflections on Vauban: His Fame, His Fortifications, and His Influence in New France"

William Ramsey, Tulane University. "Colonial Louisiana in a Caribbean Context"

Commentator: John O'Connor, University of New Orleans

**Session 10b: French North Africa, Twentieth Century. Saturday, 1:30-3:15**

Chair: William Shorrock, Cleveland State University

Nathan Godley, University of Iowa. "Colonial Disturbances: Algerian Jewish Identities Under French Rule"

Lizabeth Zack, New York City. "'Algérie française ou pas': Confrontation in Colonial Algeria, 1888-1954"

Norman Goda, Ohio University. "Wolves at the Door: Vichy, Germany, and French Morocco, 1940-1942"

Commentator: Doug Porch, Naval War College, Monterey

**Business Meeting 3:30-4:30**

**Cash Bar 6:30-7:00**

**Banquet 7:00-9:00**